Overseas Development Administration Assistance

1863. SHRIMATI SARADA TADIPARTHI :
DR. M. JAGANNATH :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether difference between the State Government of Andhra Pradesh and the Overseas Development Administration (ODA) have delayed poverty alleviation Programme in State;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of slums/towns proposed to be covered under the programme and the amount proposed to be spent, component-wise; and

(d) the time by which the programme is likely to start and end ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) to (c) The Government of Andhra Pradesh has forwarded a project proposal covering 23 district headquarters, towns and fast growing urban centres extending the benefit to 1016 slums for assisting 2,80,786 slum families and covering about 14,55,000 slums population at an estimated cost of Rs. 225 crores for assistance from Overseas Development Administration (UK). The project proposal was subsequently revised by the State Government to cover 32 Class-I towns of the State. ODA has suggested for taking up a pilot project in half-a-dozen towns, whereas Government of India wants to cover 32 Class-I towns simultaneously.

(d) The Programme schedule to commencement and completion are yet to be finalised.

Pilferage of Petrol

1864. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have information of the extend of pilferage of petrol from the oil storage depots and while being transported from the depots to the petrol pumps during last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to prevent such pilferages ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) and (b) Some cases of thefts from oil storage depots and shortages of petrol at petrol pumps have been reported during the last three years. In cases where shortages are noticed on receipt of petrol at petrol pumps, equivalent amounts are recovered from the concerned transporters.

(c) In order to prevent pilferages at oil storage depots and while being transported to petrol pumps, steps such as proper accounting of products at storage points, filling of tank lorries through PD meters, use of tamper-proof seals in tank lorries, surprise checks of tank lorries, etc. are taken.

Action is taken against the erring transporters under the Industry Guidelines on Transport Discipline.

Food Processing Courses

1865. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) total number of seats for Food Processing and other courses in C.F.T.R.I., Mysore;

(b) whether there is any proposal to increase the intake of Food Processing and other courses to help more persons to get the training;

(c) whether the University of Myosre is awarding degrees to the courses conducted by C.F.T.R.I.;

(d) whether the Government propose to declare it as a Deemed University and allow the above Institute to confer degrees; and

(e) if not, reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI. YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) There are a total 50 seats in two courses having 25 seats each for M.Sc. (Food Technology) and Certificate Course in Flour Milling Technology at CFTRI, Mysore.

(b) There is, at present, no such proposal.

(c) The degree for M.Sc. (Food Technology) is awarded by the Mysore University.

(d) The present arrangement with University of Mysore is working well.

(e) Does not arise.

Water Shortage

1866. SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VERMA :
SHRI DILEEP SANGHANI :
SHRI VIJAY HARISHCANDRA PATEL :
SHRI JAYSINH CHAUHAN :

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Acute water shortage in Saurastra District" appearing in the 'Times of India' dated December 25, 1996;

(b) if so, whether the Government have approached the State Government to have the first hand information report in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Union Government to mitigate the long term problem of the area ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The State Government of Gujarat has reported that due to typical geological and geohydrological situations, problems of quality of drinking water like excess fluoride, salinity, periodic insufficient rainfall, minimal ground water recharge and non-sustainability of the ground water sources in Saurashtra and Kachchh, the region has been facing drinking water problem for a long time.

(d) The State Government has formulated a plan to supply water from the Narmada Canal network to 8215 villages and 135 urban centres of Saurashtra and Kochchh. The State Government has also formulated and sent schemes for seeking external assistance and for Central assistance under the Sub-Mission programme of Rajiv Gandhi Drinking Water Mission. The schemes are at various stages of technical scrutiny.

Non-Governmental Organisations Run by Officers

1867. SHRI CHINTAMAN WANAGA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to impose ban on officers of All-India Services from floating any non-Governmental Organisation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of non-Governmental Organisations run by officers of All-India Services, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government have decided to amend the conduct of rules of the All-India Services; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a), (b), (d) and (e) It is proposed to amend AIS (Conduct) Rules so that members of All India Services would not be allowed to involve themselves in the registration, promotion, management and other activities of Non-Governmental organisation. In respect of their family members it is further proposed that they would need prior approval of the Government before involving themselves with such organisation. At present the matter is under consultation final the State Governments. After receipt of their comments a final decision would be taken.

(c) As State Governments are competent to give such permissions at present, the details are not centrally monitored.

Allocation of Power to Kerala

1868. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA :
SHRI N.K. PREMCHANDRAN :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the share of power due to Kerala has been curtailed by the Central Electricity Authority;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the reduced power from the Kerala's share has been diverted to Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka;

(d) if so, the details and reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Union Government propose to reconsider to restore the pre-position in supplying the power to Kerala;

(f) if so, the details thereof;

(g) whether the Union Government propose to set up more power projects in the State and supply adequate Neptha for its power projects; and

(h) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (d) The shares of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu from the 15% unallocated power of the Central Power Stations in the Southern Region from 1.10.1996 are indicated below. The allocation in the constituent states is made having regard to prevailing power supply position :

State	Share from (%) 1.10.1996	Share from (%) 1.10.1997	10.2.1997
Andhra Pradesh	30	25	30
Karnataka	30	40	40
Kerala	30	25	27
Tamil Nadu	10	10	3

(e) and (f) The Share of Kerala from unallocated share has been increased from 25% to 27% with effect from 10.2.1997.

(g) and (h) Central Government has approved Kayamkulam combined cycle power project (350 MW) based on Naptha in Kerala in September, 1996. The project is presently under execution and the implementation scheduled of the project is as follows :